



Louisiana Crop Weather Summary

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 5.7

Soil moisture supplies: 3% very short, 21% short, 68% adequate and 8% surplus

Field Crops Report

Despite weekly rain showers, the North Central Region is still 5 inches behind on average rainfall. There have been reports of seepage water on corn and soybean fields. Rice, soybeans, and sorghum were still being planted. Herbicide applications were made for broadleaf weeds; the 2,4-D restriction hampered the efforts of some producers due to the added expense. Herbicides were applied to early rice, along with some fertilizer applications, as well as flushing. Some rice fields have had first flood. The cool temperatures, as well as high winds, have affected most planted crops, such as young rice and sorghum. This has resulted in some leaf tip burn and tattering from wind, as well as a slower response to some of the herbicide applications. A lot of rice suffered from the cooler temperatures. There are reports of many rice farmers increasing their planting intentions. Corn has also been affected by the cool temperatures with some reports of corn with burned leaves due to frost earlier in the week. Soybean planting remained steady this week. Cane fieldwork progressed well. More rain would be of benefit for sugarcane producers, but the cane has not been stressed yet. Sugarcane producers were still fertilizing.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Vegetable producers sold crops and worked their spring and summer crops. Citrus producers sprayed herbicides. Crawfish harvest continued with excellent size in most cases.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

It was an excellent week of weather for livestock producers. Forages looked good, and harvest of ryegrass hay was in full swing. Some fertilizer was applied to pastures. Cattlemen remained busy as calving season continued. Some farmers completed a first cutting of hay.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2007	5 YR AVG
Corn	Planted	100	98	99	98
	Emerged	96	85	93	86
Cotton	Planted	18	1	2	13
Hay	First Cutting	14	4	10	8
Rice	Planted	78	63	67	72
	Emerged	59	35	52	56
Sorghum	Planted	60	42	67	44
	Emerged	31	0	43	26
Soybeans	Planted	31	6	10	14
Winter Wheat	Headed	97	91	95	85
	Turning Color	7	0	5	8
Land Preparation	Spring plowing	84	75	88	83

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Corn	0	4	22	65	9
Sugarcane	1	5	48	41	5
Wheat	0	1	23	58	18
Livestock	1	5	39	49	6
Vegetables	1	12	51	30	6
Pasture	1	11	41	40	7

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 LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 04/14/08 TO 04/20/08

	AIR				PRECIPITATION			
	TEMPERATURE				WEEKLY TOTAL	FOUR WEEKS	YR. TO DATE	NORM
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM				
1. Northwest								
LSU-Bossier City	83	36	60	64	0.40	2.55	13.57	16.85
Minden	82	34	55	64	0.50	2.81	15.18	18.53
Mooringsport	(84)	38	59	MM	0.53	2.47	14.44	15.44
Extreme/Average	84	34	58	65	0.48	2.61	14.40	17.17
2. North-Central								
LSU-Calhoun	82	32	56	64	0.37	2.89	11.34	19.63
Homer/Hill Farm	81	35	57	63	0.58	2.99	13.42	18.78
ULM-Monroe	82	36	58	65	0.36	2.77	11.40	20.79
Columbia Lock	79	36	54	MM	0.48	3.03	13.23	21.43
Extreme/Average	82	32	57	65	0.45	2.92	12.35	19.68
3. Northeast								
Lake Providence	79	39	57	64	0.60	2.64	16.40	21.67
LSU-St Joseph	82	36	59	66	0.76	3.25	16.78	21.38
LSU-Winnsboro	81	33	57	65	0.65	3.23	16.48	20.74
Tallulah	77	38	56	64	0.80	3.14	18.28	21.26
Extreme/Average	82	33	57	65	0.70	3.07	16.99	21.20
4. West-Central								
Leesville	78	(31)	56	65	0.03	1.21	14.54	18.68
LSU-Rosepine	80	37	58	65	0.67	1.78	15.41	18.47
Natchitoches	80	32	57	65	0.36	7.83	19.59	18.53
Extreme/Average	80	31	57	65	0.35	3.61	16.51	18.50
5. Central								
Alexandria	80	41	58	66	0.93	2.31	18.25	20.21
Brusly	77	33	57	66	0.14	1.52	17.57	20.96
Bunkie	78	36	59	66	0.67	1.45	16.95	20.98
LSU-Alexandria	81	38	59	66	0.98	2.29	17.21	19.26
Extreme/Average	81	33	58	67	0.68	1.89	17.50	20.19
6. East-Central								
Franklinton 5SW	78	37	57	MM	0.18	1.80	14.84	MM.MM
LSU-Baton Rouge	78	35	58	67	0.16	2.19	16.58	19.61
LSU-Clinton	78	34	57	65	0.31	2.95	18.91	21.60
LSU-Hammond	79	32	57	66	0.53	2.32	17.84	21.86
Slidell	74	35	58	67	0.65	7.23	21.23	20.67
Extreme/Average	79	32	57	67	0.37	3.30	17.88	21.61
7. Southwest								
De Ridder	80	38	59	66	1.58	2.14	19.78	19.06
Jennings	78	39	60	67	0.19	1.48	17.80	17.13
LSU-Crowley	79	39	61	68	0.27	0.77	16.63	17.76
Extreme/Average	80	38	60	68	0.68	1.46	18.07	17.29
8. South-Central								
Donaldsonville	78	39	59	68	0.13	1.24	12.63	19.36
LSU-Jeanerette	78	40	61	67	0.17	2.38	12.76	17.18
Morgan City	78	44	61	68	0.28	0.57	10.35	17.81
Extreme/Average	78	39	60	68	0.19	1.40	11.91	18.07
9. Southeast								
Galliano	79	42	61	68	0.22	0.43	17.64	19.02
Houma	80	39	60	69	0.09	1.71	10.67	18.08
Terrytown 3S	79	43	62	MM	0.18	5.07	20.56	MM.MM
Reserve	76	41	60	67	0.24	1.98	15.61	21.13
Extreme/Average	80	39	61	69	0.18	2.30	16.12	19.56
State								
State Averages	84	31	58	67	0.48	2.43	16.03	19.30

M = Missing () = Extremes

Yr. To Date = Through April 20, 2008

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